

Ordinance 2007-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE EMC BANNING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALL FORMS OF SMOKING IN TOWN PARKS

Whereas, the town's parks are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all residents, including our children and youth; and,

Whereas, children are particularly at risk from the effects of passive second hand smoke, which has been linked with the development of lung cancer, heart attack, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, chronic respiratory problems, eye and nasal irritation, and middle ear infection; and,

Whereas, children are vulnerable to tobacco smoke and may have difficulty protecting themselves from second hand smoke; and,

Whereas, each year more than one million young people continue to become smokers and more than four-hundred thousand adults die from tobacco related diseases; and,

Whereas, limiting the amount of tobacco use and smoking in parks will provide children and youth with positive role modeling and discourage them from using tobacco or smoking when they get older; and,

Whereas, Smoking in parks results in the littering of cigarettes, cigarette butts, and other tobacco related waste; and,

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Eatonville to keep our parks smoke and tobacco free; and,

Whereas, guests of Eatonville's parks have requested that smoking be banned in town parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council hereby adds section 12.20.140 to the EMC as follows:

12.20.140 Smoking Prohibited. The use of tobacco or any smoking products in any town park is prohibited and subject to a civil fine up to \$50.00. The chief of police is authorized to erect "no smoking \$50.00 fine" signs at prominent locations in each town park. The mayor may designate temporary smoking areas in town parks for special events.

PASSED BY THE Town Council and approved by the Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, at a regular meeting of this 22 day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:



Chrystal McGlone, Town Clerk



Tom Smallwood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Edward Hudson, Town Attorney